

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 551  
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Fran Spears and the Martin Middle School Cheerleaders on winning the National Cheerleading Association's National Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is extremely proud that our state has a long tradition of being the home to some of the best cheerleading squads in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the 1999-2000 Martin Middle School cheerleading squad, "a squad with all the right moves" has added to that noble tradition by winning the prestigious National Cheerleading Association's National Championship for their division; and

WHEREAS, as one of 19 elite squads which competed in Dallas, Texas, the Martin Middle School Cheerleaders faced some very tough competition; and

WHEREAS, with performances that dazzled the audience and judges, they claimed the rare honor with an excellent 9.07 score, the second highest ever recorded in their large junior high/middle school division; and

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WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School Cheerleaders have placed in national competition nine of the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, in order to win, Martin exhibited tremendous skill at tumbling, partner stunts and pyramids, jumps and motions or dance; and

WHEREAS, this talented team won despite having nine new members; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic following of 92 friends and family members made the long journey to Dallas to support the MMS squad; and

WHEREAS, Martin Middle School was expertly coached by Fran Spears, who had as her capable assistants, Shari Lynn Hunt and Jill Barber; and

WHEREAS, Coach Spears has commented that "This is exactly what we set our sights on, from the first day after tryouts to now. The girls have worked so very hard to get to this point and the dedication of the parents, relatives, and friends, is unbelievable"; and

WHEREAS, the members of this memorable squad were: Europe Hall, Niki Diel, Emily Adams, Beth Dane, Amber Laney, Lindsey Brawner, Courtney Vallee, Brittany Nanney, Jane Gullett, Jamie Holliman, Rachael Threet, Heather Williams, Jessica Dean, Crista Glover, Lindsey Teague, Mallory Williams, Brandy Reasons, Brittney Dane, Mandy Scott, Breonia Darling, and Jamie Cotton; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad which has been a source of considerable pride for their school and for Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Coaches Fran Spears and the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad on winning the National Cheerleading Association's National Championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.